

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Corporate Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship. We offer large print copies of the liturgy.

For Holy Communion we offer gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” – LSB # 609, v. 1-2

Invocation Litany: Pg. 290

The Readings:

The First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from

the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰ “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the

ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn:

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” – LSB # 609, v. 3-4

The Message:

Congregational Prayers:

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and

lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Confessional Address with Words of Institution, followed by Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” – LSB # 609, v. 5

Holy Communion:

Jesus is the sacrifice; the High Priest; and the Host of this new Passover meal. He meets you in the bread and wine in which He says they are His body and blood. In this mystery He brings healing for the repentant who broken in sin will find a new life in hope, grace, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. All who believe this, and are baptized, who hunger and thirst for His righteousness, receive such gifts.

Please come up single file in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

The Blessing: Pg. 291

The Closing Hymn:

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” – LSB # 609, v. 6-7

Announcements:

Postlude

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